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SUBJECT: EWG SUBGROUP ON STRENGTHENING OF GREEK AND TURKISH

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BEGIN SUMMARY. SUBJECT EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) SUBGROUP (SG) HELD ITS FIRST MEETING 7 NOV 73. SG IS TASKED WITH EXAMINING WAYS AND MEANS OF STRENGTHENING GREEK AND TURKISH LOCAL FORCES. THIS PARTICULAR MEETING WAS HELD TO DISCUSS THE INITIAL TURKISH INPUT. VARIOUS PARTS OF THIS INPUT WERE CLARIFIED. TURKEY AND GREECE WILL NOW EXAMINE THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND REPORT BACK TO THE SG IN EARLY JAN 74 AT WHICH TIME THE SG WILL FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DPC. END SUMMARY.

1. EWG SUBGROUP HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON 7 NOV 73 AT NATO HQS. THE FOLLOWING NATIONS WERE REPRESENTED: FRG, GREECE, ITALY, TURKEY, UK AND US. SHAPE WAS REPRESENTED ALSO. THE US WAS REPRESENTED BY LTC MARK A. ORMSBY, USNATO.

2. THE CHAIRMAN (MR. BRABAND OF THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF)
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OPENED THE MEETING WITH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FORMULATION OF THE SUBGROUP. HE ANNOUNCED THAT FOR THE TIME BEING BELGIUM AND CANADA WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS GROUP. THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE FURNISHED RATIONALE ON THE TURKISH INPUT TO THIS GROUP

(SEE REF DOCUMENT).

3. THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED THE GROUP THAT ON 7 NOV 73 SACEUR HAD APPROVED THE FORCE PLANNING PROPOSALS (FPPS) THAT ARE TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR THIS GROUP'S EFFORTS. THESE FPPS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE DELEGATION THE WEEK OF 12 NOV 73.

4. THE THREE CATEGORIES CONTAINED IN THE TURKISH INPUT WERE DISCUSSED AND CLARIFIED. CATEGORY A REQUIRED NO CLARIFICATION, AND CATEGORY B WAS CLARIFIED BY CHANGING QUOTE CAPITAL UNQUOTE EQUIPMENT TO QUOTE MAJOR UNQUOTE EQUIPMENT. THIS ITEM CONSISTS OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY FOREIGN AID WHICH TURKISH FORCES CAN UTILIZE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN MAINTENANCE, TRAINING AND OPERATION. CATEGORY C CONSISTS OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY FOREIGN AID WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL AID IN THE FORM OF TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION.

5. IT WAS AGREED THAT GREECE AND TURKEY WOULD REVIEW THEIR CURRENT ASSETS AND CAPABILITIES AGAINST THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE NEW FPPS OF 7 NOV 73 AND THE AD70 STUDY. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS REVIEW IN JAN 1974, THE GREEK AND TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES WILL REPORT TO THE GROUP ON THE SHORTFALL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES' CAPABILITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE FPPS. THESE SHORTFALLS ARE TO BE IDENTIFIED IN DETAIL BY NAME AND COST. UPON RECEIPT OF THE GREEK/TURKISH REPORT, THE SUBGROUP WILL MEET TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN TO ASSIST GREECE AND TURKEY AND TO FORMULATE A REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE DPC.

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